THE CHATTAHOOCHEE CHALICE

The official newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Columbus, GA



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SUNDAY SERVICES

August 04 1st Sunday

9:15 Adult Religious Exploration: Science vs. Theology **9:15** Children's Religious Exploration: What does "having kind words" mean?

10:30 Coffee, Conversation, and Donuts **11:00** Sunday Service: Rick Spradlin

Title: 3rd Principle

Service Leader: Rick Spradlin Opener: [donuts] Chris Nix

Greeters: Jeff Gordon, Robert Burnham

1:30 Buddha 1st Teaching Celebration [Meeting

House]

August 11

9:15 Adult RE: Apprehending the Unknowable **9:15** Children's RE: How does "the Golden Rule" apply

to you?

10:30 Coffee and Conversation

11:00 Sunday Service: Mayor Skip Henderson Title: How the government, community and church need to work together to solve social issues

Service Leader: Bill Harlan Opener: Connie Ussery

Greeters: Maureen Humphries, Mark Berger

Special Monthly Announcements

Cultivating Compassion and Loving-Kindness

Join Joanie Andras for a limited series of discussion and meditation. Hear talks on cultivating compassion and loving-kindness for ourselves and for others with a practicing meditation to follow.

No cost; however, donations to UUFC appreciated. Contact Joanie for more info: *jrandras1@gmail.com August 05 and 12. 6:30-7:30pm Meeting House*

*NO CALM ABIDING MEDITATION OR BUDDHIST STUDIES AUGUST 3rd. Instead, Buddhist celebration commemorating Buddha's 1st teaching in the meeting house after potluck on August 4th.

Questions? Contact Joanie (561) 234-0687 or e-mail jrandras1@gmail.com

August 18 3rd Sunday

Give Away the Plate Recipient: Urban League **9:15** Adult RE: UU on Love & Marriage

9:15 Children's RE: What does "respecting our materials"

look like to you?

10:30 Coffee and Conversation

11:00 Sunday Service: Connie Ussery & Joyce Hickson Title: *Is This All There Is? A Look at Personal Fulfillment*

Service Leader: Ellen Harlan Opener: Michelle Midgette Greeters: Chris Nix, Bill Edwards

August 25

9:15 Adult RE: *UU on Death & Funeral Practices*

9:15 Children's RE: Making our own covenant - the new

rules for Children's Religious Exploration

10:30 Coffee and Conversation **11:00** Sunday Service: John Land

Title: The Meaning in Our Dreams; the Pantheon of Arche-

types

Service Leader: Ron Ussery

Opener: Pat Hart

Greeters: Judy Barnett, Emily Timmins-Wilde

Yoga Class

9:00-10:00am, August 3, 10, 1

Pay-by-day: \$10 UU Members/Friends, \$15 non-members.

Contact Erika Bloodsworth to register:

erikabloodworth@gmail.com

Coming October 05 - Yard Sale!

Save your items! If possible, keep your donations until the week of the yard sale, but we can help with storage if necessary. For more information, contact the Fundraising Committee.

Good luck to all the UU Children (& teachers) going back to school!



Board Meeting

meets on third Tuesdays, 7:00pm August 20

Calm Abiding Meditation*

Every Saturday at 10:00am in the Meeting House, followed by **Buddhist Studies** at 10:45. Led by Joan Andras. Free and open format (come for some or all sessions). Public welcome.

*Note: NO meeting August 3rd

Caregivers' Support Group

meets on first and third Thursdays, 10:30am *August 1, 15*

Children's Ministry Committee

meets 9:30am on Sunday preceeding Board meeting August 18

Earth-Centered Spirituality Study Group

meets on first and third Saturdays, 7:00pm August 3, 17

Exploring Spirituality

meets on third Thursdays, 7:00pm August 15 Topic TBD

Friday Lunch Group

meets every Friday at Mandarin Café, 12:30pm Contact President Bill Harlan to join.

Fundraising Committee

meets second Sunday after Service August 11

Give Away the Plate

on third Sundays August 18th recipient: Urban League

Introduction to Unitarian Universalism

offered on third Sundays, 7:00 p.m, with Rick Spradlin. *Next Session: August 18*

UU Singers Choir Practice

meets Wednesdays at 6:00pm, Sundays at 10:00am

Social Action Committee

meets Wednesday following Board Meeting, 10:30am August 21

Wednesday Night Discussion Group

meets every Wednesday, 7:00pm

Women's Book Club

meets on fourth Tuesdays at 6:00pm August 27 Book: Killing Mr. Watson, by Peter Mathison

Women's Group*

meets on the second Thursday of each month.

August 8; 6:30 dinner at Bonefish Grille

MAY EACH PERSON'S BACKPACK BE THEIR FRIEND

Blessing by Maureen Killoran

Spirit of Life and Hope and Love, for many of us, school starts this week. Some of us are excited about new beginnings. We are eager to start a new school year, or get a new classroom, or maybe even move to a new school. Some of us are home-schooled and we have new beginnings too, just not in the same way. A new year means new subjects, new levels of things we'll be expected to do. Some of us are excited about new beginnings. Holy spirit, be with everyone who is looking forward to what lies ahead.

Some of us are nervous about what's coming. Some of us are scared. Some of us try hard to be big and brave, and that's not always easy. For some of us, school is a place where we really don't want to be. Spirit of Life, be with everyone who is nervous about what lies ahead. May each person's backpack be their friend, reminding that they are unique and special and very okay. May their backpack hold special things to help them remember how strong they are, and remind them of the people who believe in them and will love them always.

Holy spirit, be with these young people. Help them remember their values, and let their lives be guided by the principles of our shared faith. May this new year be for each one filled with fun adventures and special joys. And may love be with these young people, this day and every day. May they always know that here in this Fellowship they can find the hands of friends.